



June Newsletter

Principal's Message:

Whenever the calendar turns over to June, we know that end of the year is approaching with lots of special events and some end of year assessments ahead!


Special Note: the CMS PAC Family BBQ is planned for Friday, June 23. All parents/caregivers and families of CMS students are invited to attend. We will be sending home information on how to order hotdogs, chips and drinks in the next little while. Families are encouraged to bring their own lawnchairs and picnic blankets for the event. This is always a great event hosted by our PAC and we look forward to seeing you all there!

This year, we had two dragon boat teams entered into the Dragon Boat competition on June 4. There is a middle years division and a senior years division. At the end of the day, the top middle years teams compete against the top senior years teams. The two CMS boats finished 2nd and 4th in the middle years category! Our 36 athletes paddled their hearts out and were great representatives of Clearspring Middle School.

Track and Field is in full swing. We hosted our Grade 5 and Grade 6 CMS Track and Field days last week. We want to thank Mr. Reimer, Mr. Paton and all the homeroom teachers to getting this organized. We also want to thank the Grade 8 students who helped to run the events. Some of our Gr 5 & 6 students will be participating in the divisional track and field day on June 6. Our Grade 7 & 8 students who have qualified to represent CMS at the divisional meet will be competing on June 8.

Plan to attend! CMS Gr 7 & 8 students will be showcasing their talents at the CMS Concert Finale: "Meteors at Midnight". The concert is on June 8 at 7:00 pm in the CMS gym.

Many of our grades have special events planned for June:

- Grade 5 classes will be going to the Planetarium and The Forks on June 22.
 - Grade 6 classes will be going to the Assiniboine Park and the Zoo on June 16.
 - Grade 7 classes will be going swimming at the Steinbach Aquatic Centre on June 26.
 - Grade 8 classes will be traveling to Camp Manitou on June 29 to participate in a variety of activities such as swimming, archery, zip lining, canoeing, etc...
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All of our students will be completing a Numeracy Assessment in the last few weeks of school. These assessments will help inform report card marks and will help for us to plan for the teaching of math next year. We use the data from each grade level to see where the gaps are and it helps to set our grade level numeracy goals. It is important to note that this assessment NOT an exam and does not “count” for a specific percentage of the report card mark. It is another snapshot of the learning your child has done this year in math and is used to help inform and round out other data that we have collected throughout the year.

The Grade 8 Parent Farewell Committee has planned a Farewell party for all of our Grade 8 students in the evening on Monday, June 26. **It is important for parents to note that this is NOT a school event.** If you have questions about the event please contact grade8cmsfarewell@gmail.com for more details or with any questions you may have.

There will be a few staffing changes for next year. We are saying goodbye to a few of our staff members and we wish them the best as they move on to other opportunities. Ms. Patricia Amador, Ms. Melissa Hiebert and Mr. Mason Cox will be leaving. Ms. Samantha Kinley has been seconded to a different position in the division for next year and will also be leaving us. We want to welcome the following teachers to our school for next year: Ms. Loretta Friesen, Ms. Lauryn Pappel, Ms. Elizabeth Janzen and Mr. Rafael Guenter. A full staffing list will be available at the beginning of September.

If you are moving over the summer: Please contact the HSD transportation office so they can update your new address. They are open all summer. It is important that they get the correct information so that they can plan bus routes appropriately. This applies if your child had busing but will no longer need it, if the move means your child will be on a different bus route or if you are wondering if you qualify for busing. The sooner they know, the better! The HSD transportation office phone number is 204-320-2347.

Report Cards will be sent home on the last day of classes, June 29. We will be sending a paper copy of the report cards home with each student. Digital copies will also be available on Parent Portal. Class assignments for next year will be shared with all parents/caregivers on August 31 on Parent Portal.

Important Dates:

- June 5 Admin Day - No classes
- June 6 Gr 5 & 6 Divisional Track and Field Day (for those who qualified)
- June 8 Gr 7 & 8 Divisional Track and Field Day (for those who qualified)
- June 8 Gr 7 & 8 Band Concert at CMS (7:00 pm)
- June 16 Gr 6 Learning Trip to the Zoo
- June 22 Gr 5 Learning Trip to the Planetarium and The Forks
- June 26 Gr 7 & 8 Soccer Day
- June 26 Gr 8 Farewell (hosted by the Gr 8 Parents)
- June 27 Gr 7 Swimming at Steinbach Aquatic Centre
- June 29 Gr 8 Trip to Camp Manitou
- June 29 Report Cards go home
- June 29 Last day of classes

School Information:

School Schedule - Classes begin at 8:45 am. and school doors open at 8:25 am. Students walking, being picked up, etc... are dismissed at 3:30 pm.

Biking and Walking Safety - We have a crossing guard at the Hespeler/Barkman/Ashford intersection at 8:30 a.m. Please ask your child(ren) to time their walk to school in order to arrive at that intersection after 8:30 a.m.. Students who are walking to and from school are reminded to keep to city sidewalks. It is important that students not walk across private property for their own safety and to show respect to our neighbours. Parents are encouraged to have conversations with their child(ren) about the safest way to and from school and to avoid private property.

Lost and Found - We have an ever growing collection of sweaters and jackets in our lost and found. Students and parents are invited to check out if any of those belong to them!

Communication - It is always a balance between communicating too much (and filling up your in boxes) and not enough. We try to hit the right balance. You can also find school information on:

Our School Website - www.cms.hsd.ca

Our Instagram Feed - [clearspringhsd](https://www.instagram.com/clearspringhsd)

Our Twitter Feed - [@clearspringhsd](https://twitter.com/clearspringhsd)